

# Record of Environmental Consideration

REVISED FOR FEMA ENVIRONMENTAL -- LOUISIANA -- 2006

See 44 Code of Federal Regulation Part 10

**Project Name/Number:** Delgado Community College Maritime Fire Academy/ 071-UDUS2-00

**Project Location:** 13200 Old Gentilly Highway, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA 70129  
Latitude: 30.01641, Longitude: -89.92525

**Project Description:** Repairs and mitigation upgrades (constructing 2'x4'x3' concrete slabs to elevate equipment, weather stripping for trailer door, installing a new storm door on office trailer, and upgrading roofing to a structural steel system) at the Maritime Fire Academy Facilities.

## Documentation Requirements

- (Short version) All consultation and agreements implemented to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, Endangered Species Act, and Executive Orders 11988, 11990 and 12898 are completed and no other laws apply. **(Review Concluded)**
- (Long version) All applicable laws and executive orders were reviewed. Additional information for compliance is attached to this REC and/or included in project files, as applicable.

## National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Determination

- Statutorily excluded from NEPA review. **(Review Concluded)**
- Programmatic Categorical Exclusion - Category (Reference PCE in comments) **(Review Concluded)**
- Categorical Exclusion - Category
  - No Extraordinary Circumstances exist.  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
  - Extraordinary Circumstances exist (See Section IV).
    - Extraordinary Circumstances mitigated. (See Section IV comments)  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
- Environmental Assessment
- Supplemental Environmental Assessment (Reference EA or PEA in comments)
- Environmental Impact Statement

**Comments:** This project meets the criteria for an alternate arrangement permanent schools type of project.

## Reviewer and Approvals

Project is Non-Compliant (See attached documentation justifying selection).

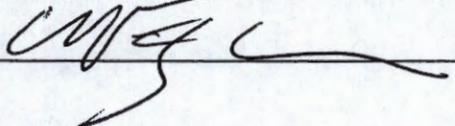
**FEMA Environmental Reviewer:**

Name: Bridget Zachary, Environmental Specialist

Signature  Date 07/19/06

**FEMA Regional Environmental Officer or Delegated Approving Official:**

Name: William Fagan, Environmental /Historic Specialist Chief of Staff

Signature  Date 7/25/2006

# I. Compliance Review for Environmental Laws (other than NEPA)

## A. National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

- Not type of activity with potential to affect historic properties.
- Activity meets Programmatic Agreement, December 3, 2004. Appendix A: Allowance No. I, II, and IX  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see Section V)  No
- Programmatic Agreement not applicable, must conduct standard Section 106 Review.

### HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

- No historic properties that are listed or 45/50 years or older in project area. **(Review Concluded)**
- Building or structure listed or 45/50 years or older in project area and activity not exempt from review.
- Determination of No Historic Properties Affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see Section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
- Determination of Historic Properties Affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
- Property a National Historic Landmark and National Park Service was provided early notification during the consultation process. If not, explain in comments
- No Adverse Effect Determination (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file).  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see Section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
- Adverse Effect Determination (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
- Resolution of Adverse Effect completed. (MOA on file)  
Are project conditions required  Yes (see Section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**

### ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- Project affects only previously disturbed ground. **(Review Concluded)**
- Project affects undisturbed ground.
- Project area has no potential for presence of archeological resources
- Determination of no historic properties affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence or consultation on file). **(Review Concluded)**
- Project area has potential for presence of archeological resources
- Determination of no historic properties affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)  
Are project conditions required  Yes (see Section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
- Determination of historic properties affected
- NR eligible resources not present (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file).  
Are project conditions required  Yes (see Section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
- NR eligible resources present in project area. (FEMA finding/ SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
- No Adverse Effect Determination. (FEMA finding/ SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see Section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
- Adverse Effect Determination. (FEMA finding/ SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
- Resolution of Adverse Effect completed. (MOA on file)  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see Section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:**

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:**

## B. Endangered Species Act

- No listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in areas affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action. **(Review Concluded)**
- Listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in the areas affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action.
- No effect to species or designated critical habitat. (See comments for justification)  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see Section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
  - May affect, but not likely to adversely affect species or designated critical habitat (FEMA determination/USFWS/NMFS concurrence on file) **(Review Concluded)**  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see Section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
  - Likely to adversely affect species or designated critical habitat
    - Formal consultation concluded. (Biological Assessment and Biological Opinion on file)  
Are project conditions required?  YES (see Section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments** Project is located in an urban or previously developed area. Neither listed species or their habitat occur in or near this site, thus FEMA finds there will be no effect to threatened or endangered species.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:**

## C. Coastal Barrier Resources Act

- Project is not on or connected to CBRA Unit or Otherwise Protected Area **(Review Concluded)**.
- Project is on or connected to CBRA Unit or Otherwise Protected Area. (FEMA determination/USFWS consultation on file)
- Proposed action an exception under Section 3505.a.6 **(Review Concluded)**
  - Proposed action not excepted under Section 3505.a.6.  
Are project conditions required?  YES (see Section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** Project is not within a CBRA zone.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** Louisiana Coastal Barrier Resource System Maps referenced 06/24/06.

## D. Clean Water Act

- Project would not affect any waters of the U.S. **(Review Concluded)**
- Project would affect waters, including wetlands, of the U.S.
- Project exempted as in kind replacement or other exemption. **(Review Concluded)**
  - Project requires Section 404/401/or Section 9/10 (Rivers and Harbors Act) permit, including qualification under Nationwide Permits.  
Are project conditions required?  YES (see Section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** No jurisdictional waters of the U.S., including wetlands, occur in or near the project area.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** USFWS National Wetlands Inventory map (<http://www.fws.gov/nwi/>) queried on 06/24/06.

## E. Coastal Zone Management Act

- Project is not located in a coastal zone area and does not affect a coastal zone area **(Review concluded)**
- Project is located in a coastal zone area and/or affects the coastal zone
- State administering agency does not require consistency review. **(Review Concluded)**
  - State administering agency requires consistency review.  
Are project conditions required?  YES (see Section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** Applicant shall coordinate with or obtain any required permits or certifications from Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR) projects can be coordinated with Bill Pittman, LDNR, (225) 342-6760.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** LDNR Louisiana Coastal Zone map 2002.

## F. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

- Project does not affect, control, or modify a waterway/body of water. **(Review Concluded)**
- Project affects controls or modifies a waterway/body of water.
- Coordination with USFWS conducted
- No Recommendations offered by USFWS. **(Review Concluded)**
- Recommendations provided by USFWS.
- Are project conditions required?  YES (see Section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** No streams or water bodies are located in or near the project area.  
**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** Louisiana Map (<http://www.lamap.doa.louisiana.gov/>) queried 06/24/06.

## G. Clean Air Act

- Project will not result in permanent air emissions. **(Review Concluded)**
- Project is located in an attainment area. **(Review Concluded)**
- Project is located in a non-attainment area.
- Coordination required with applicable state administering agency.
- Are project conditions required?  YES (see section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** The proposed project includes activities that would produce a minor, temporary, and localized impact on air quality from vehicle emissions and fugitive dust particles. No long-term air quality impact is anticipated.  
**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** EPA Region 6 Non-attainment Map.

## H. Farmland Protection Policy Act

- Project does not affect designated prime or unique farmland. **(Review Concluded)**
- Project causes unnecessary or irreversible conversion of designated prime or unique farmland.
- Coordination with Natural Resource Conservation Commission required.
- Farmland Conversion Impact Rating, Form AD-1006, completed.
- Are project conditions required?  YES (see section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** The project site is in a developed urbanized area and FPPA is precluded. No prime or unique farmland present.  
**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** National Resource Conservation Service, Web Soil Survey (<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>) referenced 06/26/06.

## I. Migratory Bird Treaty Act

- Project not located within a flyway zone. **(Review Concluded)**
- Project located within a flyway zone.
- Project does not have potential to take migratory birds. **(Review Concluded)**
- Are project conditions required?  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
- Project has potential to take migratory birds.
- Contact made with USFWS
- Are project conditions required?  YES (see section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** The site is in an existing disturbed area with little value to migratory birds and would not be included in the USFWS migratory bird management program.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:**

## J. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

- Project not located in or near Essential Fish Habitat. **(Review Concluded)**
- Project located in or near Essential Fish Habitat.
- Project does not adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat. **(Review Concluded)**
- Are project conditions required?  Yes (see Section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
- Project adversely affects Essential Fish Habitat (FEMA determination/USFWS/NMFS concurrence on file)
- NOAA Fisheries provided no recommendation(s) **(Review Concluded)**.
- Are project conditions required?  Yes (see Section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
- NOAA Fisheries provided recommendation(s)
- Written reply to NOAA Fisheries recommendations completed.
- Are project conditions required?  YES (see Section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** Project is not located in or near any surface waters with the potential to affect EFH and species.  
**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** Louisiana Map (<http://www.lamap.doa.louisiana.gov/>) referenced 06/26/06.

## K. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

- Project is not along and does not affect Wild or Scenic River (WSR) - **(Review Concluded)**
- Project is along or affects WSR
- Project adversely affects WSR as determined by NPS/USFS. **FEMA cannot fund the action.**  
(NPS/USFS/USFWS/BLM consultation on file) **(Review Concluded)**
- Project does not adversely affect WSR. (NPS/USFS/USFWS/BLM consultation on file)
- Are project conditions required?  YES (see Section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:**  
**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** National Wild and Scenic Rivers <http://www.nps.gov/rivers/wildriverslist.html>.  
referenced 06/26/06 .

## L. Other Relevant Laws and Environmental Regulations

**Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)** This project may require the disposal/removal of petroleum products therefore the applicant is responsible for disposing of unusable equipment, debris and material in an approved manner and location. In the event significant items (or evidence thereof) are discovered during implementation of the project the applicant shall handle, manage and dispose of petroleum products, hazardous materials and/or toxic waste in accordance to the requirements and to the satisfaction of the governing local, state, and federal agencies.

## II. Compliance Review for Executive Orders

### A. E.O. 11988 - Floodplains

- No Effect on Floodplains/Flood levels and project outside Floodplain - **(Review Concluded)**
- Located in Floodplain or Effects on Floodplains/Flood levels
- No adverse effect on floodplain and not adversely affected by the floodplain. **(Review Concluded)**,  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see Section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
- Beneficial Effect on Floodplain Occupancy/Values **(Review Concluded)**.
- Possible adverse effects associated with investment in floodplain, occupancy or modification of floodplain environment
- 8 Step Process Complete - documentation on file
- Are project conditions required?  YES (see Section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** The site is located in Zone A1.  
**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel No. 225203 0120E,  
revised 08/03/1970.

**B. E.O. 11990 - Wetlands**

- No Effects on Wetland(s) and project located outside Wetland(s) - **(Review Concluded)**
- Located in Wetland or effects Wetland(s)
- Beneficial Effect on Wetland - **(Review Concluded)**
- Possible adverse effect associated with constructing in or near wetland
- Review completed as part of floodplain review
- 8 Step Process Complete - documentation on file
- Are project conditions required?  YES (see Section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** No wetlands determined to be present by checking the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps.  
**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** USFWS NWI map accessed on-line  
 (<http://wetlandsfws.er.usgs.gov/wtlnds/launch.html>) 06/26/06.

**C. E.O. 12898 - Environmental Justice for Low Income and Minority Populations**

- No Low income or minority population in, near or affected by the project - **(Review Concluded)**
- Low income or minority population in or near project area
- No disproportionately high and adverse impact on low income or minority population- **(Review Concluded)**
- Disproportionately high or adverse effects on low income or minority population
- Are project conditions required?  YES (see Section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** The percent populations of 70129 are: 50% Black or African American, 32.6% Asian and 15.3% White. The median household income in 1999 was \$ 31,439 and 26.3% of families are below poverty level.  
**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** U.S. Census bureau 2000 data at <http://factfinder.census.gov>, referenced 06/26/06.

**III. Other Environmental Issues**

Identify other potential environmental concerns in the comment box not clearly falling under a law or executive order (see environmental concerns scoping checklist for guidance).

**Comments:** None  
**Correspondence/Consultation/Reference:**

**IV. Extraordinary Circumstances**

Based on the review of compliance with other environmental laws and Executive Orders, and in consideration of other environmental factors, review the project for extraordinary circumstances.

**Yes**

- (i) Greater scope or size than normally experienced for a particular category of action
- (ii) Actions with a high level of public controversy
- (iii) Potential for degradation, even though slight, of already existing poor environmental conditions;
- (iv) Employment of unproven technology with potential adverse effects or actions involving unique or unknown environmental risks;
- (v) Presence of endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat, or archaeological, cultural, historical or other protected resources;
- (vi) Presence of hazardous or toxic substances at levels which exceed Federal, state or local regulations or standards requiring action or attention;

- (vii) Actions with the potential to affect special status areas adversely or other critical resources such as wetlands, coastal zones, wildlife refuge and wilderness areas, wild and scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers;
- (viii) Potential for adverse effects on health or safety; and
- (ix) Potential to violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.
- (x) Potential for significant cumulative impact when the proposed action is combined with other past, present and reasonably foreseeable future actions, even though the impacts of the proposed action may not be significant by themselves.

**Comments:** No extraordinary circumstances related to this undertaking

## V. Environmental Review Project Conditions

### Project Conditions:

**This project must comply with all conditions of the attached Programmatic Categorical Exclusion. In addition, the following conditions apply as a condition of FEMA funding reimbursement:**

- This site is located in the floodplain and must accordingly comply with the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program as outlined in 44 CFR Part 60. Coordination must be done with the parish floodplain administrator to ensure compliance with the NFIP as administered in the local floodplain ordinance, which may be more stringent than the NFIP's minimum requirements, including issuance of appropriate permitting.
- Per 44 CFR 9.11(d)(8), minimization standards, existing flood warning and preparedness plans should be amended in consideration of the proposed action to minimize the effect of floods on human health, safety and welfare. This includes giving special consideration to unique hazard potential such as rapid-rise from a future flash flood. An evacuation plan that includes written evacuation procedures for the temporary housing site occupants must be prepared, posted and made available to them.
- Applicant shall coordinate with or obtain any required permits or certifications from Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LADNR) projects can be coordinated with Bill Pittman, LDNR, (225) 342-6760
- In accordance with Resource Conservation and Recovery Act the applicant is responsible for disposing of unusable equipment, debris and material in an approved manner and location. In the event significant items (or evidence thereof) are discovered during implementation of the project the applicant shall handle, manage and dispose of petroleum products, hazardous materials and/or toxic waste in accordance to the requirements and to the satisfaction of the governing local, state, and federal agencies.
- Any change to the scope of work contained in the attached project worksheet (PW) will require resubmission to FEMA for review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)